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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention describes novel nitrosated and/or nitrosylated proton pump inhibitor compounds, and novel compositions comprising at least one proton pump inhibitor compound that is optionally substituted with at least one NO and/or NO₂ group, and, optionally, at least one compound that donates, transfers or releases nitric oxide, stimulates endogenous synthesis of nitric oxide, elevates endogenous levels of endothelium-derived relaxing factor or is a substrate for nitric oxide synthase, and/or at least one nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drug, selective COX-2 inhibitor, antacid, bismuth-containing reagent, acid-degradable antibacterial compound, and mixtures thereof. The present invention also provides methods for treating and/or preventing gastrointestinal disorders; facilitating ulcer healing; decreasing the recurrence of ulcers; improving gastroprotective properties, anti-Helicobacter pylori properties or antacid properties of proton pump inhibitors; decreasing or reducing the gastrointestinal toxicity associated with the use of nonsteroidal antiinflammatory compounds; treating Helicobacter pylori and viral infections. The compounds and/or compositions of the present invention can also be provided in the form of a pharmaceutical kit.